PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 1,600 members of the Armed Forces of the United States are officially listed as either missing in action or as prioners-of-war in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, these men have suffered and continue to suffer pain, imprisonment, deprivation of their rights, prolonged separation from their loved ones, and the peculiar mental and physical anguish which is the unique lot of the prisoner-of-war; and

WHEREAS, their wives and children, parents and other relatives in the United States suffer with them the agony of separation and of loneliness; and

WHEREAS, these men have carried out, and continue to carry out their duties to their country in accordance with their principles and pursuant to directions of the American people whom they are defending; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely just and in accord with humanitarian instincts that we, the American people, remember these men, charish their contributions to our security, and pray for their safety and speedy return to their homes and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PRANK L. PARKAR, Governor of the State of Juth Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9 through 16, and the day of November 16, 1970, as

PRISONER OF WAR WEEK AND A DAY OF PRAYER

respectively, in the State of South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to show their respect and concern for these servicemen and to join me in praying for their release.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Sea! of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 62th day of November in the Year of Our Lord. Nineteen Hundred and Seventy.

FRANK L. PARRAR, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LANGON, SECRETARY OF STATE